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Remarks

Claims 1 through 23 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 12, 14, 15, and 17-20 are said to be allowable if re-written in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 23 is said to be allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-11, 13, 16, 21, and 22 are said to be rejected.

The Applicant has re-written claim 3 to include the limitation of claim 1 and has made claim 2 dependent upon claim 3. The limitation of claim 2 is not seen by the Applicant as being required to be included in claim 3 for claim 3 to be patentable. Claims 5, 6, 8-11, 13, 16, and 21 now all depend from claim 3 and are believed to be allowable, importing the patentability from amended base claim 3. Claims 1 and 22 have been cancelled.

As suggested by the Examiner, Claim 10 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.

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